

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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Please amend the paragraph on page 3 beginning at line 11 as follows:

Fig. 6(a), Fig. 6(b), Fig. 6(c), and Fig. 6(d) schematically illustrate the procedures involved in an embodiment of the method of producing a standing gather-forming member according to the present invention, in which Fig. 6(a) shows a sheet with elastic members disposed on its middle portion, Fig. 6(b) shows the sheet having its side portion folded in and out (Z-folded) to form a first overhang, Fig. 6(c) shows an adhesive applied to the ~~Z-folded~~ other side portion, and Fig. 6(d) shows the other side portion folded inward to form a second overhang and a basal wall.

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Please amend the paragraph on page 5 beginning at line 15 as follows:

The conveyor belts ~~442~~ 110 in the conveyors 11A and 11B are each provided so that the middle portion 50 of the sheet 5 may make a prescribed angle θ between before and after entering the area where the overhang is formed by the first and the second guides 12 and 13. The angle θ is preferably 100° to 150° , more preferably 135° to 145° , from the suction surface of the conveyor, taking the conveying surface as a base. At angles of 100° or greater, the sheet 5 is prevented from failing to be shaped due to sagging. At angles of 150° or smaller, the sheet 5 is prevented from failing to be shaped due to excessive tension.

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Please amend the paragraph on page 9 beginning at line 10 as follows:

The folded sheet 5 from the first folding unit 1A is sent to the conveyor 11B of the ~~first~~ second folding unit 1B and conveyed as sucked to the belt 110 by the vacuum box (not shown) of the conveyor 11B. Two elastic members 4 are disposed in their stretched state on the inner side of the middle portion 50 of the moving sheet 5 along the longitudinal direction of the middle portion 50 (see Fig. 5(b)). Before these elastic members 4B are disposed, an adhesive is applied thereto by the applicator 14 so that the elastic members 4B are fixed to the sheet 5 via the adhesive.